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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN YOUTH PROTEST TEXACO LAY OFFS

REF: QUITO 7378

1. ACCORDING TO QUITO PRESS NOVEMBER 28, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC YOUTH MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY HAVE PROTESTED THE DISMISSAL OF WORKERS EMPLOYED BY ELEVEN TEXACO SUB-CONTRACTORS. THE SUBCONTRACTORS, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIANS, ASSERT THAT TEXACO HAS UNILATERALLY CANCELLED ITS CONTRACTS FOR DRILLING AND PIPE LINE MAINTENANCE OWING TO LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON THE EXPORTATION OF CRUDE.

2. THE CHRISTIANS SAY THAT TEXACO IS DISPUTING THE GOE INTENTION OF ACQUIRING 51 PERCENT OWNERSHIP OF TEXACO-GULF. CHRISTIAN YOUTH CLAIM THAT TEXACO HAS IMPOSED AN INTERNATIONAL BOYCOTT ON LIFTING OF ECUADOREAN CRUDE OIL.

3. THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH SUGGEST TO THE GOE THAT IT ENTER INTO RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EUROPE TO SELL ECUADOREAN PETROLEUM DIRECTLY.

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4. CEDOC (CHRISTIAN TRADE UNION CENTRAL), IN ARTICLE

REPORTED IN TIEMPO NOVEMBER 29, RECALLED ITS PROTESTS OF SOME TIME AGO TO PRESIDENT OVER CANCELLATION OF SUB-CONTRACTS BY TEXACO AS REPRISAL FOR GOE DECISION ACQUIRE 51 PERCENT OF TEXACO SHARES. CEDOC NOTED THAT AT MOMENT 50 WORKERS EMPLOYED BY SUBCONTRACTOR ORIENCO WERE OUT OF WORK AS RESULT OF TEXACO ACTION.

5. IN COMERCIO NOVEMBER 30 ORIENCO MANAGEMENT ATTEMPTED CLARIFY RECORD ON DISMISSALS BY COMPANY. PAID AD STATED ONLY 32 OF 332 WORKERS HAD BEEN DISMISSED AS RESULT OF TERMINATION OF WORK PERFORMED FOR TEXACO. TERMINATIONS HAD NOT BEEN AS RESULT OF UNILATERAL TEXACO ACTION BUT, WERE CONSEQUENCE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN ACCORD WITH ORIENCO-TEXACO CONTRACT.

6. COMMENT: PRECIPITOUS ACTION OF TEXACO-GULF IN GIVING NOTICE TO ITS SUBCONTRACTORS HAS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE PUBLIC ATTACKS.
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